

Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana, Landsborough, Little Mountain, Maleny and Unity at Caloundra West.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 12/13 Aug 2023

Responding to change with the disciples

Every so often, I have to celebrate the funeral of a person in their late nineties. As funerals go, the photo presentation provides the congregation with a visual arc of the person's life.

The pictures provide some glimpse into the sheer volume of societal change they've navigated in their lives. Did it feel like standing in a kaleidoscope at times? Being born into an empire among empires. Coming of age in a decade blanketed by Hitler's black shadow. Marrying, baby-booming and industrialising through the 50s. Swinging with and against the movements in the 60s. Holding their breath over a cold-war and breathing easy over cool fashion in the 70s. Columbia lifted into space, Chernobyl exploded and the Berlin wall came down in the 80s. The internet age followed in the 90s and the economy ballooned with it. 9/11 happened and our Eastern and Western hemispheres locked horns. The iPhone romanced us into a relationship with technology, which continues to rival the time and intimacy couples spend with each other and their children. As we have lain our loved ones to rest, the AI age has dawned with its infinite promises and threats, its evangelists and its prophets.

Why do I say any of this? Our situation as a church in the changing world over the past century is captured in the image of the boat with disciples on the sea. Where other gospels say the *disciples* were battling the storm, this Sunday's gospel intentionally emphases that *the boat* was battling the waves. The boat - the 'bark of Peter" - is often used as a symbol for the Church and there are several parallels between the gospel story and our own. The disciples had been going for over ten hours trying to sail about four miles. We've had to stick at it as a people of faith for about ten decades of change.

The disciples thought they had cleared one wave, just as another came and then another, and then another. One from one side, one from the other. The Church braced for change, embraced change and braced for societal changes it categorically refused. The changes came from one continent, then from another. The disciples stuck at it for about ten hours; which hour and which decade is the church in?

We have seen societal changes and we have named our concern for our children and grandchildren... so where are you in this parish's ship? The call went out in the strategic plan: "All hands on deck!" Where are your hands? The boat creeks and the water sprays; can you afford to sit back? What is the alternative? It cannot simply be to limit our whole faith to prayer and liturgy.

It is because the boat battles and Christians strain, holds and braces through the week, that on Sunday, we collectively pray with Peter "Lord, save us! Lord have mercy!" In response, Christ "walks across" to us from my side of the altar to yours. We say, "Lord I'm not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed"... Well? healed for what? To sit back content in an embattled ship? Surely not! Or perhaps we are healed precisely to put our hands back to the oars! Back to the sails! Back to the ropes! For our children and for our children's children.

Are you involved in a ministry area yet? If the thought feels foreign or intimidating, I encourage us to have a chat with our ministry leaders and team members about their experience of getting involved. There is a place and an oar on the ship with each of our names written on it. **See you in the week :)** *Fr. Francis.*

Adult Faith Formation

In her book 'Forming Intentional Disciples', Catholic author Sherry Waddell lays out five thresholds people walk through when moving to discipleship. People tend to move from (or between) initial trust, to curiosity, to openness, to seeking, and then to discipleship.

Waddell also describes three elements of the spiritual journey that are crucially interwoven, but perhaps in practice are treated as separate: the *personal interior journey* of a lived relationship with the Trinitarian God (resulting in intentional discipleship); the *ecclesial journey* into the Church through the reception of Sacraments of initiation; and the *journey of active participation* in the life and mission of the Church (ie receiving the sacraments, attending Mass, participating in the life and mission of our Christian community).

Can you take a moment and reflect on which threshold you are currently on, and how you are managing the three aspects of your own spiritual journey?

If we want to help others become intentional disciples, we must start with ourselves. Our personal lives are often the only Gospel we can preach. We must invest – perhaps as never before- in our own spiritual development. *Continued over page*

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Ignite conference fundraiser – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our carwash and BBQ fundraiser last weekend. We raised a total of \$1794.70. All of this will go towards sending a wonderful group of youth and young adults from the parish to Ignite Conference in Brisbane this September. Ignite is a transformative experience where our youth are given even more opportunities to build their own personal relationship with Jesus. Thank you for helping us get them there! Please continue to pray for our youth group as we journey towards this mountaintop experience.

Thank you, Felicity

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The Adult Faith Formation Ministry at OLR is focused on providing opportunities for spiritual development through catechesis, formation experiences and prayer. Please visit the Parish Website https://caloundracatholicparish.net/faith-formation/ for more information and links to current and planned local, diocesan and web-based faith formation resources.

We are delighted that Fr Gerard will join us in the Ministry team going forward and have many exciting plans for the next few years. Current opportunities include small group activities including Alpha and Bible studies. A group of parishioners are doing the 'Catechism in a Year' podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz. We will soon commence Catholic Book Club and plans for our first Parish Pilgrimage in 2024 are well underway. For more information, or to be part of Faith Formation in our Parish, please contact the Parish Office.



We pray for the repose of the soul of *John Fengler* who died last week. His funeral was on Friday 11th August. We also pray for *Veronica Dillon* who died on Thursday and her funeral will be at Sacred Heart Maleny on Friday 18th August at 11am. May their souls an the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.

Our amazing Filipino parishioners have stepped forward and are contributing to our *"vibrant community"* by providing a scrumptious morning tea and uplifting music and choir at Caloundra 9:30am mass on the first Sunday of each month. The huge numbers of



parishioners staying after mass for a cuppa and chat testify how valued this event is. The original and much valued 9:30am morning tea is now held on the third Sunday of the month treating the Sunday 9:30am congregation to two hospitality gatherings a month. The plan is for all Sunday's 11 masses throughout the wider parish to hold two (hopefully more!!) morning teas a month. The new Community Life team is organising and coordinating these and other hospitality

events and will provide support. **But we need more offers of help.** Teams will be organised so no one person is responsible. *Please email Janice Chilcott* (*Community Life leader*) with offers of help with bringing a plate or helping serve. jabchilcott@gmail.com

Next weekend, our parish is delighted to support the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Envelopes are available in all Mass centres this weekend which you can take home and bring back next week.

Thank you and God bless.



2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN Our Church = Our Mission = Our Community

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites couples together with family and friends, to the annual GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

11:30am Mass on Saturday, 30th September 2023 followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel, are also invited to attend with family and friends to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral. If you have photos or stories to share of your wedding at the Cathedral, please contact David Todd. email: todd@bne.catholic.net.au telephone: 3324 3030 by 1st September 2023

To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP : Friday 22nd September 2023 cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au 3324 3030

If you have ordered a badge and need to collect and pay for it, please come to the Parish office between 9-1pm daily with \$5. Thank you



Are you Musically Gifted?

Can you play the piano, organ, guitar or any other instrument that could lead and accompany music ministry at Mass?

This is a fantastic opportunity to put the "Yes Prayer" into action. Please email or call the office caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



5430 9390 with your contact details and a member of the **Worship Ministry Leadership Team** will be in touch. Thank you for your ministry.

We acknowledge the First people of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist and live out our faith.

Parish Diary

Monday 14 Aug Mass (OLR) 9am Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 15 Aug

Mass (OLR) 9am Rosary (OLR) 9.30am Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 16 Aug

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am School Liturgy (OLR) 9am Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday <u>17 Aug</u> Mass (OLR) 9am Rosary (OLR) 9.30am Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 18 Aug Mass (OLR) 9am Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am Mass (Landsborough) 9am

<u>Saturday 19 Aug</u>

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation Mass (OLR) 9am Vigil Mass Mass (OLR) 5pm Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

<u>Sunday 20 Aug</u>

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (OLR) 6.30am (Landsborough) 7am Mass (Unity) 8am Mass (Kawana) 8am Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am Mass (OLR) 9:30am Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am Mass (Unity) 5pm

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